

Unwanted Dogs

Unwanted dogs may be brought to the Dog Warden or the Dog Pound where they will be accepted for a nominal fee on production of a valid Dog Licence. Spaying and neutering are the surgical procedures used to stop dogs from having puppies. These procedures are performed by your local vet. Vets will also vaccinate your dog against a range of diseases.

Rehome a Dog

Dogs which are suitable for rehoming are available at a nominal charge from the Dog Pound.

Stray Dogs

Stray Dogs may be seized by the Council's Dog Warden. They will be brought to the Council's Dog Pound where they will be kept for five days in order for their owners to reclaim them. Stray dogs are photographed and pictures are posted on the Dog Pound's Facebook page to help owners find their lost pet.

Cavan SPCA

The Dog Warden also works with Cavan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CSPCA). CSPCA is a local charity and member society of the ISPCA. Their members rescue, care, spay and neuter and responsibly rehome animals. CSPCA can be contacted by email at cavanspca@gmail.com or by phone on 086 8916186.

Dog Pound: Legaland, Crossdoney, Co. Cavan

For any queries relating to
Dog Control contact:

Waste Management Section

Tel. 049 4378300

Cavan County Council

Email: waste@cavancoco.ie

Old Library Building, Farnham Street,
Cavan, H12RV10

Website: www.cavancoco.ie



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP



*A Guide on
how to be a
Better Dog
Owner*



Cavan

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Cavan County Council

Dog Fouling

Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, where faeces has been deposited by a dog the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

Dog faeces is the most offensive type of litter and poses a significant health hazard. Dog faeces can carry infections including Toxocariasis which can pass to humans through contact with contaminated faeces. Human Toxocariasis is a potentially serious illness which can result in eye disorders which may lead to blindness. It is caused by roundworm in a dog's intestine which can be prevented when dogs are wormed regularly. Allowing dogs to foul in public places such as public roads, footpaths, parks and playgrounds is not acceptable. Any bag can be used when cleaning up after your dog. Please place the filled Bags in any public bin or bring home to place in your household waste bin. If you do not clean up after your dog, you are liable to receive an on the spot fine of €150. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €4,000 if convicted.

Noise Pollution

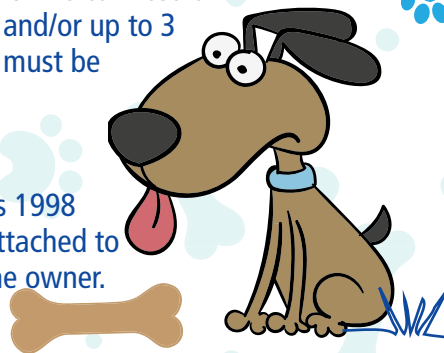
Excessive dog barking that causes a nuisance is a legal offence. If you are bothered by persistent barking, talk to the owner in question. If this does not work, under the Control of Dogs Act 1986, you can lodge an official complaint with your local District Court on the appropriate form.

Dog Licences

Under Section 2 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, it is unlawful for any person to keep a dog unless they hold a dog licence for that dog. Licences cost €20.00 for a Single Licence and €140.00 for a Lifetime Licence and these licences can be purchased online from An Post at the following website – www.licences.ie. If you do not have a dog licence, the Dog Warden can issue an on the spot fine of €100. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €2,500.00 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted. Single Licences must be renewed annually.

Identification of Dogs

Under Section 6 of the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 all dogs must be identifiable by a badge or plate attached to their collar with the name and contact details of the owner.



Microchipping

On the 1st April 2016 it became a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped once they are 12 weeks old. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice, and is painlessly inserted under the skin by a vet or suitably trained person. Furthermore, it is a requirement to register a microchipped dog on one of the approved registration databases as per above regulations and obtain your certificate from the provider. There are currently 4 authorised databases: Animark, Fido, The Irish Coursing Club and the Irish Kennel Club. If you do not have an identification for your dog, you are liable to receive an on the spot fine of €100.

Keeping your dog under control

Under Section 9 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 the owner or any other person in charge of a dog shall not permit the dog to be in any place other than the premises of the owner, the premises of such other person in charge of the dog or the premises of any other person with the consent of that person, unless such owner or such person in charge of the dog accompanies it and keeps it under effectual control. Dogs left to roam loose can be a danger to people, other animals and themselves.

Under Section 5 of the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 all dogs specified must be muzzled at all times and be led by a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length by a person over the age of sixteen years who is capable of controlling the said dog within a public place.

The following type of dogs must be muzzled at all time when out in public: American Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Japanese Akita, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Bull Mastiff, Doberman Pinscher, Rottweiler, German Shepherd, English Bull Terrier or any crossbreed of the above.

You are liable to an on the spot fine of €100 for non muzzling, non leashing, or allowing these dogs to be lead by a person not over the age of 16 years. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €2,500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

How to Make A Control of Dogs Complaint

To make a Control of Dogs related complaint you can contact Cavan County Council through its Dog Warden on 049 4337545, email your complaint to waste@cavancoco.ie or make a written complaint on our Control of Dogs Complaints Form which are available on request from the Waste Management Section.